

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of this state's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend Monsignor Edward William Reilly, Ph.D., a treasured resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Seventy-fifth Birthday on May 25, 2002, with a festive celebration to be held at Mary, Mother of the Church; and

**Whereas**, Edward William Reilly came into this world at St. Louis on May 28, 1927, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Edward Paul Reilly and Virginia Mary Steele Reilly, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, a 1945 graduate of Christian Brothers College High School who still retains the school's sophomore track record of 2:39 in the 800 meter run, Edward William Reilly dutifully served his country in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1946 and went on to attend St. Benedict's College from 1946 to 1947; and

**Whereas**, ordained as a Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1954, Pastor Reilly played an integral role in the educational development of countless young people as an educator, Clergy Moderator of the Athletic Department, and Athletic Director at Bishop DuBourg High School from 1955 to 1964; and educator, Rector, and Principal at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary-North from 1965 to 1981; and

**Whereas**, the first Catholic priest invited to preach on the Protestant Hour on KSDK television, Edward Reilly is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with the NAACP, Catholic Rural Life Association, Greater St. Louis Athletic Association, St. Louis Board of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of St. Louis, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Christian Brothers College High School, St. John Vianney High School, and St. Louis University High School; and

**Whereas**, designated as Reverend Monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1982, Edward Reilly has led the parishioners congregation at Mary, Mother of the Church as pastor since 1990, during which time he has helped his flock to develop a closer and more meaningful relationship with the Lord:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Pastor Reilly as he proudly celebrates seventy-five years of achievement, and in wishing him tremendous peace and prosperity as he continues his journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Monsignor Edward William Reilly, Ph.D. as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Carl H. Hendrickson  
District No. 97

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

